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APPEAL OF A DEMAGOGUE.

Prolix and prosy to an infinite degree is the speech of acceptance uttered today by the Democratic nominee for president. The strongest advocates of the Wilson policy cannot suppress the belief that the speech is commonplace and demagogical. The sentiments do not entitle it to place among the great state papers that usually mark the opening of a campaign. From the very inception the speaker takes up a defensive position, and the defensive without the relief of a salient and original theme, the level of a fifth rate ward candidate. Instead of setting forth new policies or fortifying old principles Mr. Cox wanders through and left running amuck and in every direction and uttering in promiscuous personalities that roll his statements and findings which should be warranted in looking for a spasm of indignation from the fate of a nation. It would be hard to imagine a more arid and arid of what has been thrashed out in that stage in a stump speech which was drawn out to the extent of 2000 words. It is the intention of the Bonanza to print this speech in full, just the same way it treated the acceptance of Warren G. Harding, but with a few modifications for our readers' comfort in reduction of the speech to a little over 1000 words, which is more than the candidate deserves when gauged by public interest. As a representative of the political field of this city, Mr. Cox should have known that history is the soul of a speech and that language and expressions are dishonored and not used for the masses. The language has not the advantage of Wilson's speech, which is one of the best in the history of the nation. After carefully studying the famous talk one fails to find a single slogan, catchy phrase or sentiment so masterfully worked that it would serve to lighten the way of his campaign. The remarks do not measure up to the average country editor of the middle west and the impression is given that the author was laboring under great difficulties in putting down his thoughts. The most remarkable feature is that the message assumes the defensive from the opening paragraph through an attack on Progress, Labor and Socialism. In holding forth the support of the farmers and workmen Mr. Cox goes on to promise political aggrandizement for the voters of these classes who stand by him in his campaign. The pledge is openly made that, if elected, the candidate will see that these people are recognized with positions under the federal government on various boards carrying handsome salaries. Never has a candidate for the presidency of the United States denigrated himself to such an extent as to invite trafficking in ballots. Weary some to the point of exhaustion is the 400 words space devoted to discussion of agricultural interests without bringing out a new idea that would justify a farm magazine in running more than a synopsis. The only enlivening element is the reference to budget form of government which President Wilson vetoed at the close of the last congress. Mr. Cox is a stalwart in advocating this form of business management, but his suggestions are nothing more than an echo of what the minority Republicans have been saying throughout the past eight years. The Democratic candidate expresses himself favorable to a policy of retrenchment but here again he is pleading in defense of the extravagance of his party whose administration he declares could not have maintained during the war without wasting the billions bequeathed by the Wilson administration to shackle industry with taxes that will endure to the end of the next two generations.

In standing pat on the League of Nations Mr. Cox says there cannot be any peace in Europe without the fullest financial and physical support of the United States. This expression furnishes the Republicans with all the ammunition they need to carry the presidential campaign to a successful issue for the stand taken by the Democratic candidate implies that this nation should continue to saddle itself with worthless loans and send millions of our brave boys to do the fighting that would make Europe safe in repudiating its bonded indebtedness to the United States.

Mr. Cox does not display presidential timber any more than he displays editorial acumen in thrusting his single track ideas on a patient and long-suffering American electorate.

ANARCHY IN COLORADO.

Anyone with the most superficial knowledge of political conditions in Colorado will have no trouble in placing a discriminating finger on the finger of unrest that keeps industry in that state seething at the boiling point for 365 days of the year. The secret is that the politics of Colorado and the politics of Denver are dominated by the Denver Tramway company which exercises where it cannot elect and debauches where it cannot convert to the extent of naming candidates for every office in the gift of the people. Courts, churches and civic councils are owned by this corporation which has controlled both leading parties for the past twenty-five years. The demands of the Tramway employees do not form the real issue before the people as the strike is accepted as a pretext for the masses to settle generations of old scores with the corporation that is more odious in the eyes of decency than the Southern Pacific dared to be in the palmy days when it controlled the politics of California and Nevada. The violence in Denver should be debited to the wrath of the people against corporation barlotry.

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It is in fact, if a man from Mars were to depend upon the republican platform or its spoken interpretation, as his first means of information, he would not find a syllable telling him that the war had been won, and that America had saved the world. How ungenerous, how ungracious all of this is, how unfair that a mere group of leaders should so demean themselves in the name of the party of Lincoln and McKinley and Roosevelt.

The discount to the president is an affair of political intrigue. History will make it odious. As well might it be directed at a wounded soldier of the war. One fell in the trench; the strength of the other was broken in the enormous labors of his office.

Tribute to Soldiers.

"I feel deeply that the rehabilitation of the disabled soldiers of the recent war is one of the most vital issues before the people and I, as a candidate, pledge myself and my party to those young Americans to do all in my power to secure for them without unnecessary delay, the immediate training that is so necessary to fit them to compete in their struggle to overcome the physical handicap incurred while in the service of their government. I believe also that the federal board of vocational rehabilitation as far as possible should employ disabled soldiers themselves to supervise the rehabilitation of their known sympathy and understanding. The board itself and all agencies under it should be burdened with the care of securing for the disabled soldier who has finished his training adequate employment."

Harding's Promises.

Senator Harding's theory of the great office to which he aspires, putting a thoroughly fair interpretation on his own words, is that the government of this country so far as it is embodied in the executive, should be what he is pleased to call "government by party" as in contrast with the executive by the president of his own best judgment under the responsibility assumed by his solemn oath of office, taking into consideration the views of others, of course, in arriving at that final judgment, but recognizing no group of any kind not sworn as he is, to the faithful performance of the duties in question and no subject to impeachment, as he is, in case of serious malfeasance in the performance of those duties. The latter is the conception of the presidency held by Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson in initiating our great experiment in political and personal freedom under the constitution. It is the conception held by Lincoln and Roosevelt, by Cleveland and Wilson and all other presidents of the past to whom history has assigned a significant place in the normal growth of our free institutions. It is the conception of the presidency to which, in case of success of the democratic party in the coming election, my own best efforts shall be dedicated, with a solemn sense of responsibility to the power above, to the people of the United States as a whole, and to the sacred oath of allegiance to the constitution and the laws. There is and will always be a useful place for parties in the conduct of a free government, but any theory of a government by party, which must weaken this solemn sense of personal responsibility, or alter its traditional direction, and turn it toward party or faction, can only accentuate the possible evils of party, and thwart its possible advantages. I am sincerely grateful to the democratic party for the opportunity.

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Reforms in Banking.

For more than forty years before Woodrow Wilson was elected president in 1912, a reform of our financial and currency system had been almost universally demanded, but had been year after year deferred or postponed by the stand-pat policy of the republican party in obedience to orders. The federal reserve act was originated, advocated and made a law by a democratic president and congress, against the bitter protests of the republican stand-patters, who almost without exception voted against it. The federal reserve act is admitted to be one of the most constructive monetary legislation in history. At a stroke it transferred the power over money and credit and all they represent, from one financial district out into the keeping of the people themselves and instead of one center in which all credit traffic there are 12 centers of financial freedom where every citizen has an equal right and where the principle that the credit of American business shall be free is the basis of administration.

"It is almost unnecessary to speak of the federal reserve system in connection with the winning of the war as next to the conservation of our manhood and womanhood itself, the greatest factor was the marshaling into one unit through the federal reserve banks of the citizen, the wealth of America."

Government Bureaus.

"Government bureaus during the war had close contact with the business organization of the country. That experience revealed the modicum of reorganization along purely business lines. The advantages of a democracy in government need not be recounted. It has been held by experts that it involves the disadvantage of disbursements, authorized by the lawmaking power without sufficient knowledge of the need of the service or the possibilities of extravagance. The answer to this is the budget system. No successful business enterprise of any size can operate without it. For a hundred years the federal unit, and the states as well, made appropriations without determining the difference between department need and expense, at the same time paying little attention to the relation as between income and expense. Many of the states have adopted a budget system, and with a success that carries no exception. Efficiency has been improved, departmental responsibility has been centered, and economies have been effected. The same can be done by the federal government. The system will reveal at once, as it did in the states, a vast surplussage of employees, it awakens individual interest, encourages greater effort, and gives opportunity for talent to assert itself. The normal course of least resistance, develops in government bureaus a hardship which relegates progress. When the reorganization is made, my "should be commensurate with service. Many federal departments whose ramifications touch the country generally have lost valuable men to business. This has badly crippled postoffices, the railway mail service and other branches."

"I am convinced after considerable study of the subject that the expense of the government can, without loss of efficiency, be reduced to a maximum of four billion dollars, including sinking fund and interest on the national debt."

In the World War.

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